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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 142)  
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch  
SUBJECT: The murder of eleven American Baptist teachers of the faculty of the Central Philippine College and the murder of six other Americans at Camp Hopevale near Tapaz, Capiz Province, Panay, P.I., on 20 December 1943.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

Japanese officers and enlisted men under the command of a Captain WATANABE, engaged in one of the several punitive expeditions in Panay Island, left the township of Libacao, Capiz Province, on 18 December 1943 for Iloilo City (R 1). The next morning, they reached Camp Hopevale near Tapaz, Capiz Province, which was first surrounded, and then Captain WATANABE and his soldiers entered the Camp proper. Sixteen Americans along with three others who had been captured previously, were placed under guard without food or water (R 1). In the afternoon of 20 December 1943, one of the American women was seen kneeling with her hands tied behind her back and begging Captain WATANABE for mercy. Captain WATANABE ignored her pleas and drew his Samurai sword. An hour later, inside a house that was already in flames, were discovered twelve bodies and there was a strong odor of burning flesh. Some of the victims had been bayoneted and some had been beheaded (R 2). Three weeks later, another witness who was familiar with the names of most of the Americans visited the scene and was able to identify the remains of the victims from teeth, bits of burned clothing, hair, identification tags, and a truss. The remains were taken from two burned dwellings and buried in the church at Katipunan (R 5, 9). On the day of the execution, one Filipino who was in hiding reported that he had seen blood on the trousers of one of the Japanese guards (R 5, 6) and that one of the Japanese told Filipinos that the Americans whom they had feared were now gone and that the Filipinos should obey the Japanese (R 6). Another witness verified that she saw smoke coming from the Hopevale area on the date of the massacre (P8) and that her brother and a cousin saw the bodies in three burned houses (R 9, 11). Some of the remains of the Americans were identified (R 11). Two of the bodies were not burned and were found outside (R 11). All of the victims except Mrs. Rounds, her son, Douglas, the Clardy family and Albert KING were members of the faculty of the Central Philippine College at Iloilo City, Panay (R 1).

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アメリカ合衆国陸軍太平洋軍司令部戦犯文書

陸軍郵便局より

一九四三年一月二日

見書目 陸軍郵便局宛 (報告本二四三)

經由 戦犯文書 陸軍郵便局宛

題目 一九四三年一月二日 中央比律賓大佐職員タビタ名ノアメリカ

浸礼教会教師ノ被害及ビ比律賓ノ島カピ州ノタビ

近ノホペヤノ収容所ニ於テ米人タビノ被害事件

### 二 證據摘要

渡辺大尉指揮ノ全日軍ノ将兵ハ同島ニ於テ數度ノ証言ニ  
 従事シ一九四三年一月十日ニカピ州ノ「バカ」町ヲ出陣シ「ノイ」市  
 同島ノ被害ニ關シ朝報記者ノカピ州ノタビ近ノホペヤノ収容  
 所ニ到着シ先ツ此ヲ包围シ渡辺大尉及ビ部下ノ兵連ノ収容所  
 本館ニ入リタビ捕ヘラタシタ名ノ米國人及ビ他ノ三名ノ食物モ悉  
 興ヘラシメ三陸視ヲ下ニ置カシタ(報告一)一九四三年一月二日ノ午後三  
 米口婦人ノ人ガ午後三時ニ渡辺大尉ニ尾隨シテ居タ  
 渡辺大尉ハ彼女ヲ無視シ日本カラ抜ケタ。一時間ノ後ニハ既ニ  
 燃エツテ居ル家中ニ二人ノ死体ガ発見セリ肉ノ燃エニ強イ臭ガ  
 多ク犠牲者ノ或ハ者ハ鋭劍ヲ刺サシ或ハ者ハ省ヲ割テラシテ居タ  
 (報告二)三週間後ニハ米口人連大尉令ノ名其前ヲ知ツテ居タ他  
 證人ガノ場所ヲ訪リ齒擦エタ衣服ノ印ハ頭髪認識標脱  
 陽部ニヨリ犠牲者ノ遺骸ガ誰ヲカ見タケル事ガ出来タ。是等ハ  
 焼ケタ三軒ノ住居ヨリ発見セラレタ。カデノミノ教會ニ埋葬セラレタ  
 (報告三)

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處刑、行つた當日、隠し居たり、不意に人、人、日本衛兵、が、  
二、三、が、ツ、キ、ル、ヲ、見、タ、コ、ト、(報告五、六)又、日本人が、不意に、人、を、  
殺、害、ス、ル、ト、思、フ、中、多、米、口、人、達、に、モ、ウ、居、タ、コ、ト、不、意、に、人、人、日本、人、  
ノ、古、ウ、事、ヲ、聞、ク、ス、ル、ト、言、フ、タ、コ、ト、(報告六)他、(還、  
ハ、屋、殺、シ、日、三、煙、が、不、意、に、上、リ、居、ル、ヲ、見、タ、事、(報告七)  
又、ノ、兄、ト、徒、兄、弟、が、三、軒、焼、ケ、タ、家、ヲ、死、体、ヲ、見、タ、コ、ト、(報告九、十二)  
「證明」云々。米國人、遺、體、數、若、干、ハ、誰、デ、ア、リ、カ、分、ラ、タ、(報告十一)三個、  
死、体、ハ、焼、ケ、タ、居、タ、イ、デ、外、ヲ、死、見、サ、タ、(報告十一)「フ、ウ、ツ、ジ、夫、人、ト、  
見、子、ト、カ、ラ、ス、ク、ラ、」云々。家、ノ、人、々、及、テ、ル、バ、ト、キ、ン、が、手、除、イ、テ、擲、  
キ、テ、全、體、ハ、不、意、に、ロ、イ、ロ、市、中、央、ヲ、リ、ビ、シ、タ、文、筆、も、職、員、が、ア、リ、タ、  
(報告十二)